

I claim:

1. A method of alerting a called telephone station comprising the steps of: defining, for a calling customer, an enhanced alerting list and a telephone number for calling for said enhanced alerting list;
- 5 responsive to said customer dialing said telephone number, alerting the telephones of the telephone numbers on said enhanced alerting list.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of alerting the telephones of said telephone number on the said list comprises the step of alerting said telephones in parallel.
- 10 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of alerting said telephones comprises the step of alerting said telephones sequentially.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of alerting said telephone sequentially comprises the step of advancing from one member of the group of telephones to the next member in response to receipt of a signal from said calling customer.
- 15 5. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of advancing sequentially comprises the step of advancing after a predetermined number of rings.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein said calling customer can alter said enhanced alerting list.
- 20 7. The method of claim 1 wherein one of the numbers on said enhanced alerting list is that of a paging service for paging a called customer.
8. Apparatus for alerting a called telephone station comprising:
means for defining, for a calling customer, an enhanced alerting list and a telephone number for calling for said enhanced alerting list;
- 25 means, responsive to said customer dialing said telephone number, for alerting the telephones of the telephone numbers on said enhanced alerting list.
9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the means for alerting the telephones of said telephone number on the said list comprises means for alerting said telephones in parallel.
- 30 10. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the means for alerting said telephones comprises means for alerting said telephones sequentially.
11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the means for alerting said telephone sequentially comprises means for advancing from one member of the

group of telephones to the next member in response to receipt of a signal from said calling customer.

12. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the means for advancing sequentially comprises means for advancing after a predetermined number of rings.

5 13. The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising means for permitting said calling customer to alter said enhanced alerting list.

14. The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising means for permitting one of the numbers on said enhanced alerting list to be that of a paging service for paging a called customer.